

PUBLIC NOTICE

State of South Carolina (SC)
Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)
Bureau of Air Quality (BAQ)
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 898-4123

Public Notice #08-034-CM-C

Date: April 23, 2008

NOTICE OF A DRAFT AIR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT

**ASHLSTROM NONWOVENS LLC
500 CHESTNUT STREET
BETHUNE, SOUTH CAROLINA
(KERSHAW COUNTY / REGION 4 SUMTER EQC OFFICE)
AIR PERMIT NO. 1380-0002-CJ**

Ahlstrom Nonwovens LLC (Ahlstrom) has applied to the SC DHEC for an air construction permit to install & operate new equipment at its existing non-woven fabrics manufacturing facility. A draft permit and Statement of Basis have been written by the BAQ outlining the proposed project and applicable regulations. This permit will enable the facility to construct and operate in compliance with state and federal air quality regulations. The draft permit has not yet been approved and is open to comment from the public and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Ahlstrom is proposing to install and operate the following equipment: Carding/Needle Punch Machines, Chemical Treatment Line and Drying Oven, calendar units, singer units, rewinder/inspection station and die cut presses, and converting equipment. Emissions that will increase as a result of this project include Particulate Matter (PM), PM less than 10 Microns in Diameter, Sulfur Dioxides, Nitrogen Oxides, Carbon Monoxides, Volatile Organic Compounds, and Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs). If this permit is approved, federally-enforceable emission limits of less than 10 TPY of any single HAP, and less than 25 TPY of any combination of HAPs, will be established with this permit by using a thermal oxidizer, thereby enabling the facility to remain below applicable Maximum Available Control Technology (MACT) Standards as defined by Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 63, "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories." Additional, this permit may be incorporated into the facility's Conditional Major Operating Permit with no additional public comment period unless a change in the original construction and/or operating plan is proposed. All emissions limitations and conditions in the draft construction permit have been written to ensure that this facility continues to operate as a Conditional Major Source.

Interested persons may review the materials drafted and maintained by DHEC for this facility and submit written comments on the draft permit by May 22, 2008, to Ms. Snezana Popova at the above DHEC address. All comments received by May 22, 2008, will be considered when making a decision to approve, disapprove, or modify the draft permit. Where there is a significant amount of public interest, DHEC may hold a public hearing to receive additional comments. Public hearing requests should be made in writing to Karen Lee at the above DHEC address or by e-mail at: leeka@dhec.sc.gov. If a public hearing is requested and scheduled, notice will be given in this newspaper thirty (30) days in advance. A final review request (appeal) may be filed after a permit decision has been made. Information regarding final review procedures is available from DHEC's legal office at the above address or by calling (803) 898-3350. Information relative to the draft permit will be made available for review through May 22, 2008, at the DHEC Columbia Office listed above and at the following location:

SC DHEC, Region 4 Sumter EQC Office, 105 Magnolia Street, Sumter, SC 29151 at (803) 778-6548.

The BAQ maintains a county-based mailing list for persons interested in receiving notification of BAQ public notice actions. If you would like to be added to this list, please submit a request with your name, address, and counties of interest to Karen Lee at the above DHEC address or e-mail. Information on permit decisions and hearing procedures is available by contacting DHEC at either address listed above. Copies of a draft permit or other related documents may be requested in writing at a \$.25 per page charge. Please bring this notice to the attention of persons you know will be interested in this matter.

This public notice may be viewed through May 22, 2008 on DHEC's website at:
<http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/baq/eqpnbaq.aspx>.